



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 27, 2021**

**Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room**

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:**

Rev. Johnny McBurrows, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

PRESENT:

David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Steven R. Grimsley, Deputy County Clerk

MINUTES:

1. *The July 13, 2021 Work Session Minutes and the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Patriotism in Paulding aired for the Board and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented a Public Safety Appreciation Award to Communications Officer Felicia Mitchell with Paulding County E-911.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Rumble Strip and Striping Project, Project Number: 22004-1504 to the lowest responsive bidder, Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, in the amount of \$225,302.50.*

Discussed action to award the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Rumble Strip and Striping Project, Project Number: 22004-1504 to the lowest responsive bidder, Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, in the amount of \$225,302.50. George Jones, Director of Transportation, stated Paulding County was awarded a LMIG Grant in the amount of \$166,215.00 on May 18, 2021. The County is required to provide 30% matching funds of \$67,590.80. The GDOT Grant is to provide \$157,711.75 with the matching funds to be allocated from general funds. The low bid is 3% under the engineer’s estimate.

Chairman Carmichael asked if this project will include the indentations in the asphalt.

Mr. Jones stated yes. They will be on the center lines and the edge lines.

Commissioner Dunn asked how the roads for this project were determined.

Mr. Jones stated higher-speed roads are chosen that are longer in length with off-the-road crashes or crossing the center line crashes.

Commissioner Stover asked if Harmony Grove Church Road was included.

Mr. Jones stated Pleasant Grove, Ridge Road, Due West Road, and Harmony Grove Church Road are included in the project.

3. *Award the Zebra Handheld Computers and associated hardware for the Tyler Technologies Corrections Module and Property Room Module which is part of the Tyler Technologies Public Safety Software Project to the lowest responsive bidder, CDW-G, in the amount of \$51,299.28.*

Discussed action to award the Zebra Handheld Computers and associated hardware for the Tyler Technologies Corrections Module and Property Room Module which is part of the Tyler Technologies Public Safety Software Project to the lowest responsive bidder, CDW-G, in the

amount of \$51,299.28. David Mumford, Director of Paulding County E-911, stated the Tyler Public Safety Software Project was approved in 2019. This is the last hardware purchase for that project and was budgeted for in the original project amount.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairman Carmichael read the following consent agenda items:

- 4. *Adopt Resolution 21-16 extending the moratorium on the acceptance of rezoning applications to R-4 and R-7 zoning districts.*
- 5. *Detective Starry Kilgore retired from the Sheriff's Office on July 16, 2021; the policy to retire a service pistol to a Detective has been met by Detective Kilgore. The Sheriff's Office request to retire Detective Kilgore's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #TYN871.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:

A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing and asked Tabitha Pollard, Director of Finance, to speak on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget. Ms. Pollard presented a PowerPoint Presentation and stated this Proposed Budget has been available and out since June 1, 2021. Handouts were provided for the citizens.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the Ad Valorem Tax included watercraft or airplanes.

Ms. Pollard stated the Ad Valorem Tax only pertains to vehicles with wheels. It does not include boats or airplanes.

Commissioner Stover asked how the County was planning for the future regarding inflation and cost of goods.

Ms. Pollard stated everything is going up. There is an increase in this proposed budget and we are planning an increase in the next budget to cover operations.

Hearing no comments from the citizens, Chairman Carmichael closed the hearing.

- 7. ***CRRSAA Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00, with no match from the County, and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to accept said grant (Post 2):***
Discussed action to approve the acceptance of the CRRSAA Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00, with no match from the County, and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to accept said grant. (Post 2) Frank Baker, County Administrator, asked Terry Tibbitts, Paulding Airport Director, to provide information on #7 and #8. He was also happy to announce these Grants did not include a match from the County.

Mr. Tibbitts stated this is a Grant from the Federal Government signed into creation on December 27, 2020. The funds are to be awarded to a public airport through a formula. The FAA has authorized for airports of Paulding County's size, operations, and number of aircraft to receive \$13,000.00.

- 8. ***ARPA Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00, with no match from the County, and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to accept said grant (Post 2):***
Discussed action to approve the acceptance of the ARPA Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00, with no match from the County, and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to accept said grant. (Post 2) Mr. Tibbitts, Paulding Airport Director, stated this is another Grant from the Federal Government signed into creation in March of 2021. He stated everything from the previous Grant applies to this Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00.

- 9. ***Contract with Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC to design the waterline extension for Buchanan Highway in an amount not to exceed \$54,780.00 (Post 2):***
Discussed action to approve a contract with Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC to design the waterline extension for Buchanan Highway in an amount not to exceed \$54,780.00. (Post 2) Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated the Buchanan Highway Project was a top-listed priority project. The residents submitted a petition and 23 of 32 property owners said

they wanted water and would tie-on to County water. The Water and Sewer Advisory Board recommend a design contract with Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$54,780.00.

10. Contract for Post Construction Monitoring of Richland Creek Dam to Hazen & Sawyer in the amount of \$283,031.00 (Post 4):

Discussed action to approve a contract for Post Construction Monitoring of Richland Creek Dam to Hazen & Sawyer in the amount of \$283,031.00. (Post 4) Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated Hazen & Sawyer is the design Engineer of Record for the dam. They have been monitoring the dam under the contract with Arcadis. Since that contract is closing down, there is a need to contract directly with Hazen & Sawyer for the continuation of surveys and monitoring of the dam for an estimation of another two years.

Chairman Carmichael asked if this amount is part of the overall budget for the Richland Creek Reservoir Project.

Ms. Ashmore stated this is still part of the Construction Budget.

11. Contract with Edison Engineering to design the waterline extension for School Road in an amount not to exceed \$83,710.00 (Post 4):

Discussed action to award a contract with Edison Engineering to design the waterline extension for School Road in an amount not to exceed \$83,710.00. (Post 4) Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated the residents in this area have been petitioning for water service for many years. Their last petition, with 26 of 28 property owners wanting County water, placed them on the priority list. The Water and Sewer Board recommend a design contract with Edison Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$83,710.00.

Commissioner Stover stated that he heard Ms. Wages say this has been going on for 45 years. He wanted to thank everyone who worked on this over the years.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Chairman Carmichael asked the Commissioners if they would like to make any announcements or comments.

Commissioner Kaecher thanked Rev. McBurrows for giving the invocation.

Chairman Carmichael reminded everyone that school starts next week and to be careful and stay safe.

Commissioner Hart wanted to recognize Mr. Williams with the Sweetwater Restoration Program and thank them for their efforts to clean up the creeks in that area.

Commissioner Stover stated that our water is very important, as well as our roads, and that we need to keep it clean.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chuck Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation, seconded by Brian Stover. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, announced that Executive Session was in recess at 1:50 pm and would resume upon completion of the Planning Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Brian Stover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.